

SUBCHAPTER F—POSITION REPORTING SYSTEM

PART 307—ESTABLISHMENT OF MANDATORY POSITION REPORTING SYSTEM FOR VESSELS

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§ 307.1 Purpose.

This part establishes that operators of U.S.-flag oceangoing vessels in U.S. foreign trade and certain foreign-flag vessels as described in 46 U.S.C. 1283 must report on their locations according to the provisions of this regulation to enhance the safety of vessel operations at sea and provide a contingency for events of national emergency.

§ 307.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) *Administrator* means the Maritime Administrator of the Department of Transportation.

(b) *MARAD* means the Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

(c) *Coast Guard* means the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

(d) *AMVER* means the Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System operated by the U.S. Coast Guard as it applies to U.S.-flag ships and certain non-U.S.-flag ships in U.S. foreign commerce under this regulation.

§ 307.5 Provisions of general applicability.

(a) The following operators must comply with the reporting requirements contained in this part:

(1) Operators of United States-flag vessels of one thousand gross tons or more, operating in the foreign commerce of the United States.

(2) Operators of foreign-flag vessels of one thousand gross tons, or more, for which an Interim War Risk Insurance Binder has been issued under the provisions of Title XII, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1281 *et seq.*).

(b) Operators of other merchant vessels may choose to submit reports and have voyage information forwarded to MARAD, when approved by the Coast Guard and MARAD. Information voluntarily provided by them will be released by Coast Guard only for safety purposes or to satisfy certain advance notification requirements of 33 CFR part 160. Requests should be addressed to the Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Attn: MAR-742.

§ 307.7 Information required in report.

(a) *Types of Reports.* Reports on vessel departure, arrival, position and deviation are required under this part. Sailing plans are optional, and may be sent prior to departure, or may be combined with departure reports.

(b) *Report Content.* Content of each type of required report are specified below. Note that the word "MAREP" must be included in the text of each message if MARAD is to receive the information.

(1) *Sailing Plan Report.* Sailing plan reports, though optional, must contain the following:

- (i) Vessel name,
- (ii) International Radio Call Sign,
- (iii) Intended time of departure,
- (iv) Port of departure and latitude/longitude,
- (v) Port of destination and latitude/longitude,
- (vi) Estimated time of arrival,
- (vii) Route information, and
- (viii) The keyword "MAREP".